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- ☐ Box No. II Priority
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- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

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☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-10
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-10
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-10
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

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Cf V:

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1: DATABASE WPI Section Ch, Week 199419 Derwent Publications Ltd., London, GB; Class A23, AN 1994-156262 XP002271123 & JP 06 099475 A (KURARAY CO LTD), 12 April 1994 (1994-04-12)
- D2: US-A-4 579 936 (O'NEILL GEORGE J) 1 April 1986 (1986-04-01)
- D3: US-A-4 499 262 (FAGERBURG DAVID R ET AL) 12 February 1985 (1985-02-12)
- D4: EP-A-0 909 774 (GEN ELECTRIC) 21 April 1999 (1999-04-21)
- D5: US-A-4 209 606 (CIAPERONI ALDEMARO ET AL) 24 June 1980 (1980-06-24)
- D6: US-A-5 608 032 (YUO WU-BIN ET AL) 4 March 1997 (1997-03-04)

Article 33(2) PCT:

None of the documents discloses the same combination of features as disclosed in **claim 1**.

Thus, the subject matter of **claim 1** meets the requirements of Article 33(2) PCT.

The same consideration applies also to **claim 10**.

Article 33(3) PCT:

Document D2 is considered as representing the closest prior art. The difference between **D2** and **claim 1** is that, in **D2**, the polyester resin does not contain disodium hydrogenophosphate. Since there are no comparative examples according to **D2**, the objective technical problem is to provide further polyethylene terephthalate compositions for stretched blow molded containers.

Document D6 indicates that one can use disodium monohydrogen phosphate as catalyst for the preparation of PET. However, such PET is not especially used for making containers and such catalyst is used to decrease the yellowish color of

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PET (column 3; lines 12 to 27). It has also to be pointed out that as similar catalyst sodium dihydrogenophosphate could also be used in proportion from 10 to 500 ppm (cf example 2). Thus, there are no specific indications in D6 in order to add disodium monohydrogen phosphate to PET having sulfomonomers for making containers or parison

Thus, an inventive step should be acknowledged.

Therefore, the subject matter of **claim 1** meets the requirements of Article 33(3) PCT.

The same consideration applies also to **claim 10**.

Article 33(4) PCT:

The subject matter of **all claims** is capable of industrial applicability.

Cf VIII:

In **claim 7** the term "modifying agent" is not clear. The amount of such agent is based on mol % and thus, one can expect that such compounds are part of the polyester. However, according to the disclosure of page 11, such modifying agents could be simply additives such as colorants. Thus, it is not clear to what refers such molar amount and to what correspond such "modifying agents".